



SHARPE JAMES
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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
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April 30, 1998

Mrs. Renee James
c/o Greta James
388 S. Ninth Street
Newark, New Jersey 07103

Dear Mrs. James:

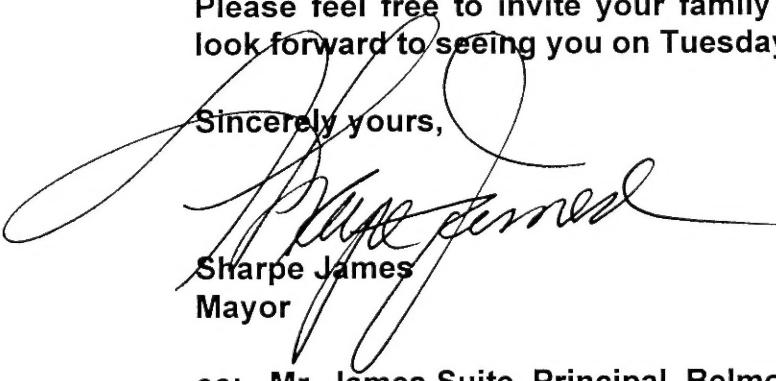
The entire City of Newark has shared your grief in mourning the loss of your young son, Terrell James. While I know that there is nothing that I or anyone else can do to erase the pain that this terrible tragedy has caused you and your family, I nevertheless wanted to do something that would keep alive Terrell's energy, warmth and love of life. And, I know of no more fitting tribute to this wonderful young man, who was so beloved by family, friends, teachers and his schoolmates than to build and dedicate a park in his memory.

The Terrell James Park on Johnson Avenue between Clinton Avenue and West Alpine Street will be dedicated on Tuesday, May 5 at 2 p.m. I would be very honored if you would attend this event as my guest, and address the gathering of parents, students and public officials, if you are comfortable in doing so.

My administration has worked closely with Schools Superintendent Beverly Hall's office in the design and development of this new recreational site, and I hope you agree with us that it will be a lasting and wonderful tribute to Terrell and his zest for life.

Please feel free to invite your family and friends to this special event. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Sincerely yours,


Sharpe James
Mayor

cc: Mr. James Suite, Principal, Belmont-Runyon School